American Savings Bank, Livingston, Tennessee.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:


Robert deV. Frierson,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Change in Bank Control Notices;
Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 00–15701 published on pages 38831 and 38832 of the issue for Thursday, June 22, 2000. Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago heading, the entry for Michael Robert Reese, Appleton, Wisconsin, is revised to read as follows:

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:

Comments on this application must be received by July 6, 2000.


Robert deV. Frierson,
Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 28, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
(W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President)
2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201–2272:
1. First-West Texas Bancshares, Inc., Midland, Texas; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Pecos Bancshares, Inc., Midland, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First National Bank, Pecos, Texas, First National Bank, Alpine, Texas, and First National Bank, Fort Stockton, Texas.


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Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Activities
Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking
To Acquire Companies That Are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in §225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that based on an investigation by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and a decision by the Assistant Secretary for Health, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Mr. Jin Qian, New Dimensions Research and Instrument, Inc.: Mr. Qian, Executive Manager for Corporate Planning and Research, New Dimensions Research and Instrument, Inc. (NDRI), committed scientific misconduct by plagiarizing research results and text from other investigators in an application to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), for a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award, “Class-based neurochip system,” 1 R43 NS39266–01.

Specifically, based on ORI’s analysis, PHS finds that Mr. Qian: (1) Used research images and descriptions posted on the Internet to create seven figures in the application and used that material, its associated text, and text from other publications obtained from the Internet without attribution; (2) misrepresented research results in two of the plagiarized figures as exemplar applications of NDRI’s proprietary technology; and (3) misrepresented his research bibliography in that application and to ORI staff during the investigation. These actions constitute falsifications in the proposing of research because their collective effect was to falsify the basis on which NIH reviewers determine whether NDRI could achieve the goals of the proposed project.

Mr. Qian has accepted the PHS finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with PHS in which he has voluntarily agreed for a three (3) year period, beginning on June 12, 2000:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, procurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR part 76 (Debarment Regulations);

(2) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443–5330.

Chris B. Pascal,
Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry

Public Meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP) in Association With the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service (PHS) Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

Name: Public meeting of the Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP) in association with the Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES).

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–4 p.m., August 16, 2000.

Place: Tamastalikt Cultural Institute, 72789 Highway 331, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801.

Telephone: (541) 276–2323

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE, DOE delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR’s public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or “Superfund”). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE.